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SUBJ: NICE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE-LANGUAGE QUESTION

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1. CONFERENCE MET MORNING AND AFTERNOON MAY 11 IN EFFECT TO REACH COMPROMISE ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE RUSSIAN AS ONE OF THE AUTHENTIC TEXT OF TREATY. AT MORNING MEETING USSR SUPPORTED BY HUNGARY STUCK TO ITS POSITION, BUT ALMOST ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS INCLUDING LDCS REITERATED SUPPORT FOR BUDAPEST FORMULA. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS POINTED TO UNCERTAIN LEGAL EFFECT OF RUSSIAN PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF REF B AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN NEGOTIATING TREATY ON SHORT NOTICE IN RUSSIAN.

2. AT AFTERNOON MEETING SOVIETS FINALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT BUDAPEST FORMULA WITH MINOR CHANGE IN LANGUAGE. AFTER TRANSLATION PROBLEMS IN USSR PROPOSED MODIFICATION CLEARED UP, LANGUAGE CLAUSE OF BUDAPEST TREATY ADOPTED IN TOTALITY EXCEPT THAT PARA 1(B) CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE: (B) OFFICIAL TEXTS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE ESTAB-
LISHED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THIS ACT, IN THE TWO OTHER LANGUAGES, RUSSIAN AND SPANISH, IN WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE LANGUAGES REFERRED TO ON SUBPARAGRAPH (Q), AUTHENTIC TEXTS OF THE CONVENTION ESTABLISHING THE WORLD INTELLEC-

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3. AT CONCLUSION OF PLENARY USSR REAFFIRMED THAT IT WAS A POSITION OF PRINCIPLE WITH IT THAT AUTHENTIC TEXTS OF UN AND WIPO AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE SIGNED IN RUSSIAN AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SITUATION REGARDING NICE AGREEMENT CAN BE CORRECTED.SORENSON

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